MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The Tahsildar inspected the market before the interpellation was put into the hands of Government.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is fish sold in that market?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is there any special arrangement made for cleansing the market on market days?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes, there are sweepers for that purpose.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Are there drains constructed around the market?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I cannot say now.

Mundakan cultivation on either side of the Kartikapalli canal.

191. ❋ MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the flow of brine water from the Kayankulam backwaters during the annual ebbs injuriously affects the *mundakan* paddy cultivation on either side of the Kartikapalli canal; and

(*b*) whether the construction of a lock at Poothottumuttu was not suggested in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and approved by them?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. An estimate has been sanctioned for Rs. 385 for putting up a temporary bund and lock. The work has been provided for in this year's (1109) budget.

Statement of clerks in the Judicial Department.

192. ❋ MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of clerks in the Judicial Department arranged according to seniority as they stood on 1-1-1107 and on 1-1-1109?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not propose to call for the information as the time and labour involved in its collection is out of all proportion to any possible utility.

Supervision in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

193. ❋ MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the statement in the Travancore Education Committee Report that, owing to lack of supervision in the Director's Office public money may have been embezzled;

(*b*) whether the Head Accountant in the Director's Office is responsible for such state of affairs and, if so, to what ex ent;

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(*c*) whether the present Director of Public Instruction has recommended for the appointment of that individual as the Financial Assistant contemplated by the new reforms ; and

(*d*) if so, whether Government have accepted it ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Government have read the report.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes, as a temporary measure.

(*d*) No.

Handcuffing of accuseds in Municipal cases.

194. ❋**MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state if it is usual for the Police to handcuff accuseds concerned in Municipal cases while escorting them to the Bench Magistrates' Courts ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : No.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know whether any complaint has been filed against the police by a person, for handcuffing the accused in a case charged under the Municipal Regulation and taking him along the public road ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : That is a difficult question to answer, because it is so general and vague.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : I mean in the Puthenchanta Police Station.

PRESIDENT : Can the member furnish details of the case so as to enable the Government member to answer the question ? By whom and against whom ?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : There is one Velu Asari, a respectable gentleman residing in Puthenchanta. He is also an ivory merchant. He was charged under the Municipal Regulation for which a warrant was issued. The police arrested him and took him along the public road under hand-cuff. He has filed a suit against the Puthenchanta Police for having taken him along the public road in the broad daylight. Is the Police Commissioner aware of this ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : I thank the member for the information. I shall certainly look into the case.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Is it not a fact that the hand-cuffing of an accused by the police depends upon the question whether it is a municipal offence or non-municipal offence ?

Or, is it that the Police Officer is empowered to act under the Criminal Procedure Code ?

PRESIDENT : The question here is about the hand-cuff.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether the offence is determined according to the municipal offence or non-municipal offence ?

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